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CONGRESS POISED TO APPROVE DEFENSE PROJECTS, CUT SPENDING

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Earlier today the House approved the Fiscal Year 2006 Defense Appropriations bill. The Senate is poised to take up the measure this week. The bill also includes a government-wide (excluding veterans) 1% reduction in discretionary spending and a provision authorizing oil drilling in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge.

Idaho Senator Larry Craig and Representative Mike Simpson, both members of their respective Appropriations Committees, support the bill.

“The projects included in this bill are a testament to the vital contribution Idahoans make to the security of our nation,” said Congressman Simpson. **“We can all be proud of the work that's being conducted across our state to better equip our troops, bring innovative new technologies to the battlefield, and expand Idaho's high-tech industry.”**

Craig echoed Simpson's sentiments, **“The research, development and training in these projects will help keep our men and women in uniform on the cutting edge of technology and safety. With Idaho's help, they will remain the best-equipped, best-trained forces in the world.”**

In addition to the spending cut and ANWR provisions, Craig and Simpson highlighted the following projects in Idaho:

- Read Out Integrated Circuits (\$2.4 million)
- Medical Modeling and Simulation Through Synthetic Genes (\$1 million)
- Rural Electronic Medical Record (EMR)/Teleradiology System (\$1.2 million)
- Smart Prosthetic Device Technology at ISU (\$1 million)
- Advanced Lead Acid Battery Development for Military Vehicles at UI (\$1 million)
- Advanced Microwave Ferrite Research at UI (\$1.5 million)
- Quiet High Speed Propulsion (\$4.8 million)
- Research of frequency selective surfaces and thermal signatures at INL (\$2.4 million)
- Advanced Materials Disposition for Semiconductor Nanostructures at UI (\$1 million)
- Magnetic Random Access Memory (MRAM) Communication Materials at UI (\$1 million)
- System Approach to Radiation Hardened Electronics (\$2.4 million)
- DNA Safeguard Project at BSU (\$1 million)

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- Research on a Molecular Approach to Hazardous Materials Decontamination (\$1 million)
- Characterization, Reliability and Applications of 3-D Microstructures at BSU (\$1.8 million)
- Small Accelerators and Detection Systems at ISU (\$1.5 million)
- Remediation of Environments Contaminated by Ammonium Perchlorate at UI (\$1 million)
- Advanced Unmanned Vehicle System Development at INL (\$4.2 million)
- Vacuum Sampling Pathogen Collection and Concentration (\$1.5 million)
- Critical Infrastructure Test Range at INL (\$6 million)
- Explosive Detection and Mitigation at INL (\$2.8 million)
- Information Therapy Program (\$1.5 million)
- Credibility Assessment Research Initiative at BSU (\$1.05 million)

Detailed information on each project is on Senator Craig's website at <http://craig.senate.gov/press>.

As members of their respective Appropriations Committees, Senator Craig and Idaho Representative Mike Simpson cooperate to ensure federal spending is restrained, tax dollars are appropriately spent, and that high-priority Idaho projects are included.